

REMARKS

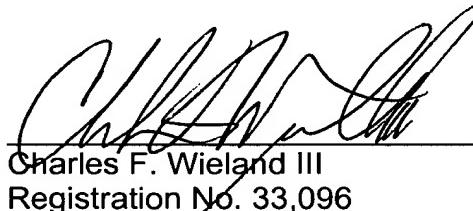
By the above, rejected claims 8, 9, and 11-13 are proposed to be cancelled.

By entry of this Amendment, only allow claims 1, 3-7, 14, and 15 will be present in the application. Insofar as the remaining claims have been indicated as allowable, entry of this Amendment appears to be proper and Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application. Should any residual issues exist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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